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1. ALTHOUGHT WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED L/PM DRAFT MENTIONED REFTEL, WE HAVE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS ON HOW TO PROCEED. BEFORE APPROACHING GOY WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT FROM THEM IN EXCHANGE NOTES. OTHERWISE WE WILL BE A BIT LIKE SHIPS PASSING IN THE NIGHT -- THEY HAVE HANDED OVER DRAFT CONTENT FOR BOTH SIDES NOTES AND WE ARE COMING BACK WITH NO SUGGESTION ABOUT CONTENT OF NOTE FOR THEM AND WITH COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DRAFT FOR OURSELVES.

2. BASIC DIFFERENCE AS WE UNDERSTAND IT BETWEEN L/PM AND GOY APPROACHES IS THAT FORMER WANTS EXPLICIT STATEMENT THAT CONDITIONS OF 1959 AGREEMENT ON DISPOSITION REMAIN IN FORCE AND WILL GOVERN DISPOSITION OF ALL REMAINING MAP-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES BETWEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 14, 1979. THIS PROBLEM WOULD SEEM RESOLVEABLE BY ADDING AT END OF THIRD PARAGRAPH OF DRAFT YUGOSLAV NOTE (WHICH BEGINS "ONCE ALL MILITARY EQUIPMENT .. ") FOLLOWING SENTENCE:
"IN THE INTERIM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SFRY AGREES THAT ANY DISPOSITION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND
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SUBJECT TO, THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT OF AUGUST 25, 1959 ON THE TERMINATION OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM."

3. THE U.S. NOTE COULD THEN ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOY'S NOTE AND MAKE SAME POINTS AS L/PM DRAFT OF SEPTEMBER. BELIEVE THIS APPROACH WOULD AVOID DIFFICULTIES MENTIONED BY DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE FYI IN

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PARA 4 OF REFTEL CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO 1954
AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN 1959 AGREEMENT. WHY ARE WE CONCERNED
WITH THE 1954 OFF-SHORE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED
OR OTHERWISE? THERE MAY BE AN EXCELLENT REASON BUT IT
ESCAPES US AT THIS POINT. YUGOSLAV SUSPICION ALMOST CERTAINLY
WILL BE AROUSED BY A REQUIREMENT TO RECONFIRM THIS AGREEMENT'S
VALIDITY-- AND IT CLEARLY WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT REGARDLESS OF
EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE 1959 AGREEMENT.
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